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Dear Professor Bampton,

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 June and 9 July on behalf of the COVID-19 Airborne Transmission Alliance executive team about COVID-19 transmission. I apologise for the delay in replying.

I appreciate your concerns.

I was sorry to read that my previous reply of 27 June (our ref: PO-1606304) did not fully resolve your query. Unfortunately, there is nothing further I can add to that reply.

I would like to clarify that the degree to which airborne transmission contributes to the overall spread of COVID-19 has been a subject of ongoing research and discussion within the scientific community and remains so.

I would also like to reiterate that we are aware that airborne transmission via aerosols and other routes remain a risk, especially in specific environments. For example, being in poorly ventilated indoor spaces or crowded spaces may increase the risk of becoming infected.

I am sorry I cannot be more directly helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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